

Midwest Bull Riders Association

May 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting - Minutes

June 2 2015

Present:

Mike Traxler Jr, Mike Traxler Sr, Peggy Schneider, Alan Kattvold, Jennifer Kattvold, Chris Watson, Wayne Johnston, and Justin Bollin

Additional topics:

Justin - confusion as to what the "Rookie of the Year" meant; retitling the Rookie Yearend Buckle; how to protect the Rookies in their division from Pro riders "dropping down" or from "call back" Rookie Riders i.e. the 2014 finals; can Pro Division riders simply choose to "drop down" because they are in a slump; and can there be an Finals EVENT winner in addition to the YEAREND season winners.

After discussion the following was decided:

- Rookie Division winner buckle title would change to "Rookie Division Champion" or "Rookie Champion"
- A Rookie must enter the Rookie Division in at least 5 sanctioned events to qualify for yearend awards, prior to and not including the actual finals. Must have paid fees and taken your bull. No doctor's notes are permitted as an excuse of draw-out or to not take your bull. Qualifying for the finals will still be based on money won as a Rookie in the Rookie division.
- Money won at the finals will not be counted towards the next MRBA season
- The MRBA will recognize an EVENT winner in both the Pro and Rookie Divisions at the Finals.
  - Per Chris Watson, CLG Pro Rodeo will donate gear bags of their choosing, one to each event winner – Pro & Rookie – embroidery work will be donated by Mike Traxler Sr. on each bag. Will state "Midwest Bull Riders 2015 Finals Event Winner - Pro Division / Rookie Division"

A. Financial

- a. Balance of \$7,106.81
- b. Additional MBRA banners will be ordered so each producer has one. Expense of \$100.00 approved
- c. Fines that were paid – \$50.00 to producer \$25.00 to association. List is sent to secretary prior to event.

B. High school associations – MN, WI, ND, SD, and IA have been contacted regarding a free 1 year MRBA membership to be given to bull riders. Sample letter and membership application were shared. Once any are received Humps n' Horns will be on board with a subscription.

C. 5 Producers from were mailed letters and an association recap of 2013 and 2014 introducing ourselves and inviting them to consider sanctioning events with us.

D. Humps n Horns

- a. Deadline of the 10<sup>th</sup>
- b. Will participate in high school membership applications received
- c. Photography requirements

E. Matt Sparlin: Buckin' Hooves Photography

- a. Contacted me last fall about becoming the MBRA photographer
- b. Provided informational letter expressing interest to photograph sanctioned events
- c. It was decided Matt would need to contact the producers directly to check if he could attend event as a photographer

- d. We could purchase photos for our year end winners
  - e. A letter with the boards indication and list of events with producer contact numbers will be sent to Matt
  - f. I will add his company information to the website and Facebook page
  - g. Chris Watson indicated he would be able to edit photos taken if anyone should need something done in order to be submitted to HNH
- F. CLG Pro Rodeo
- a. Chris Watson indicated CLG would again be the 2015 MBRA Corporate Finals Sponsor and
  - b. would donate to the Pro and Rookie Winners a Glove, Vest and Gear bag
  - c. He will make the presentation of the items at the finals
  - d. CLG information has been added to the website and our Facebook page
- G. Bull rider representation
- a. Wayne Johnston, per our September meeting
- H. Finals
- a. There will be a Short Round
  - b. Possible event locations and time of year / dates were discussed
    - i. Traxler event Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Windom Facility late April early May 2016
    - iii. Alexandria hockey arena
      - 1. Alana will call to confirm
    - iv. Kuka Equestrian Arena
    - v. ?? others?
  - c. An expense sheet representing the estimated final's expenses was handed out
    - i. Estimations put the association in the red
      - 1. Who pays difference?
    - ii. Sponsors will be key to reducing expenses
      - 1. Who finds them
      - 2. Hire someone and pay %
    - iii. Vendors – who gets a %? The facility / MBRA
    - iv. Sanction fee money from 25 events
    - v. Membership money – no guarantee
  - d. Further discussion from the September meeting on charging stock contractors; how to determine who and how many bulls come from the stock contractors; team bull competitions do not qualify for finals; if contractors should purchase membership cards
    - i. Topic tabled as should be had with stock contractors
    - ii. Can't enforce buying cards for the 2015 year, would need to be for 2016 if so
    - iii. Jenn will confirm with Jesse Knudsen if his two events are bull team events
  - e. Voting for personnel to work the finals; should personnel be encouraged to buy cards to be considered for the finals
    - i. Cant encourage buying cards for the 2015 year, would for 2016
    - ii. Plenty of time to vote for bullfighters and judges for 2015
    - iii. Would not at this time be able to offer "Finals Buckle/Jacket" to finals personnel
    - iv. MBRA Board would hire the announcer and funnyman
- I. In two weeks a conference call will be conducted via Peggy's 800# to share information regarding the FINALS - a finals location, expense of finals, etc. – as the MBRA must determine the where and when.

Adjourned

1:20 pm